



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80745

Mikio OHNO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/810,830

Group Art Unit: 1773

Confirmation No.: 9995

Examiner: Stevan A. Resan

Filed: March 29, 2004

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An interview was conducted concerning the "consists of" language used in the claims. The Examiner agreed that such language distinguished the prior art, but since the working Examples involved the use of a nonmagnetic layer comprising a nonmagnetic powder in the binder, in the Examiner's view claim 2 was more commensurate with the "consists of" language and the working Examples than claim 1 which did not call for a nonmagnetic layer.

Applicants agreed to cancel claim 1, change the dependency of claims 3-10 to claim 2, and agreed to some minor formal amendments to the claims.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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